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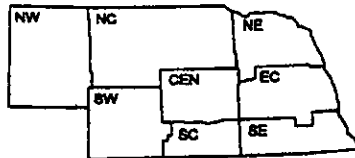
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Temperatures in the Panhandle averaged slightly above normals while the remainder of the State averaged one to three degrees below normals for the week.

GENERAL

Dry conditions prevailed across Nebraska, according to the Nebraska Statistics Service. Most regions of the State received less than .25 inches of moisture during January. A lot of field work was done early due to field accessibility, but may cause even dryer soil conditions. Ponds and creeks in the southeast were drying up. If drought conditions persist, hay supplies could dwindle due to supplemental feeding. However, feed grain and h supplies were above normal for this time of yea. Though snow covered many parts of the State, most areas averaged less than 2 inches. Moisture continues to be a major concern and will be for the next few months since it is so critical to this year's production.

GENERAL (Cont.)

Farm activities included fertilizing and disking, taking cattle off stalks, preparing taxes, attending meetings, and gearing up for cropping season.

CROPS

Winter Wheat crop rated 11% very poor, 14% poor, 37% fair, 37% good, 1% excellent. Reports indicated southwestern wheat to be at high risk due to dry conditions.

Hay supplies were mostly adequate. However, there were concerns about pasture in the spring, and possible shortage of forage during the summer. Currently producers have not been buying for possible shortage.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Livestock producers reported excellent calving conditions with the open winter. Ranchers were able to keep cow-calf pairs in the stock fields to save hay. Feedlots were full with gains being excellent. Calving was just underway with 6% of cows calved in January same as last year. Cattle and calves condition rated 7% fair, 65% good, 28% excellent.

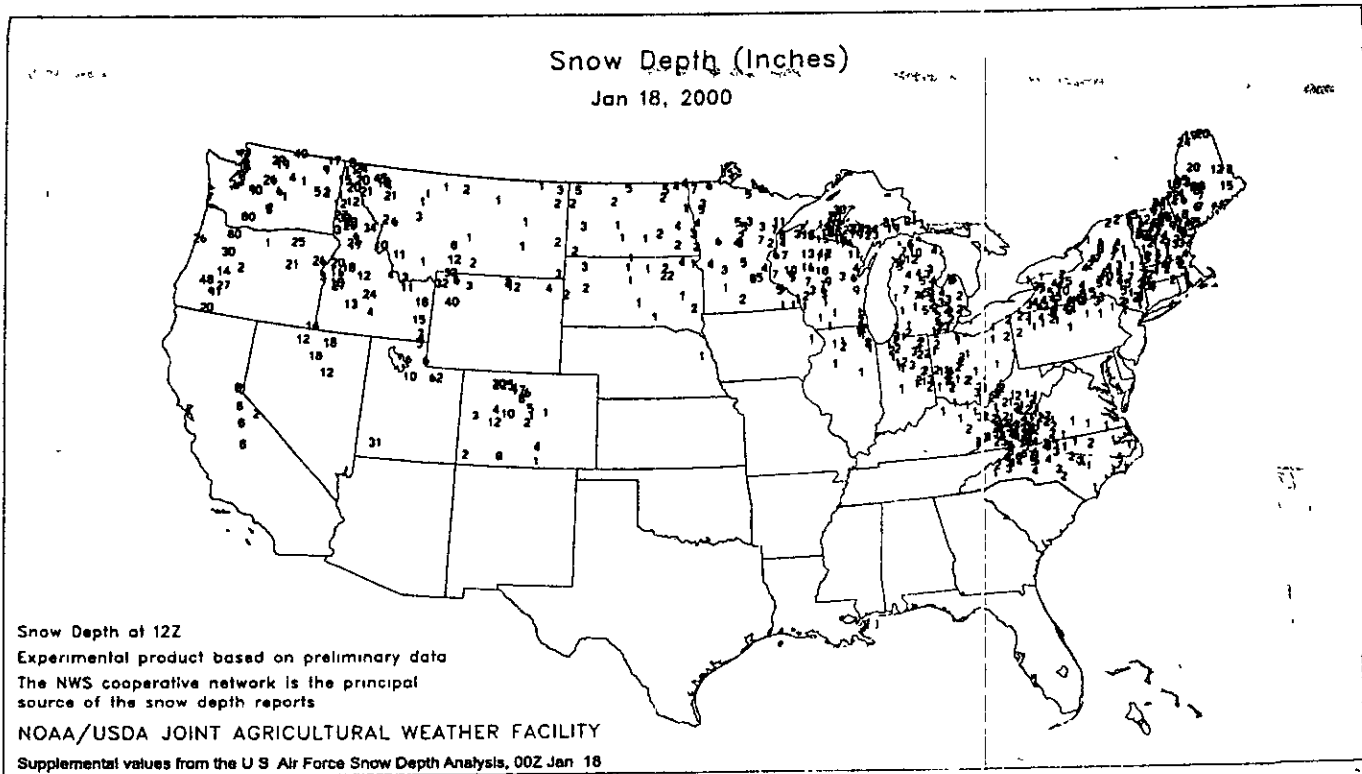
SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF JANUARY 28, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
PERCENT											
%Cow Calved	7	4	2	5	6	8	3	20	6	n/a	6
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0
- Adequate	82	85	56	71	75	61	60	69	69	69	79
- Surplus	18	15	44	29	24	38	40	26	30	31	21
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	6	3	2	1
- Adequate	82	70	59	60	75	69	60	77	70	71	78
- Surplus	18	30	41	40	5	31	40	16	27	27	21

n/a = not available.

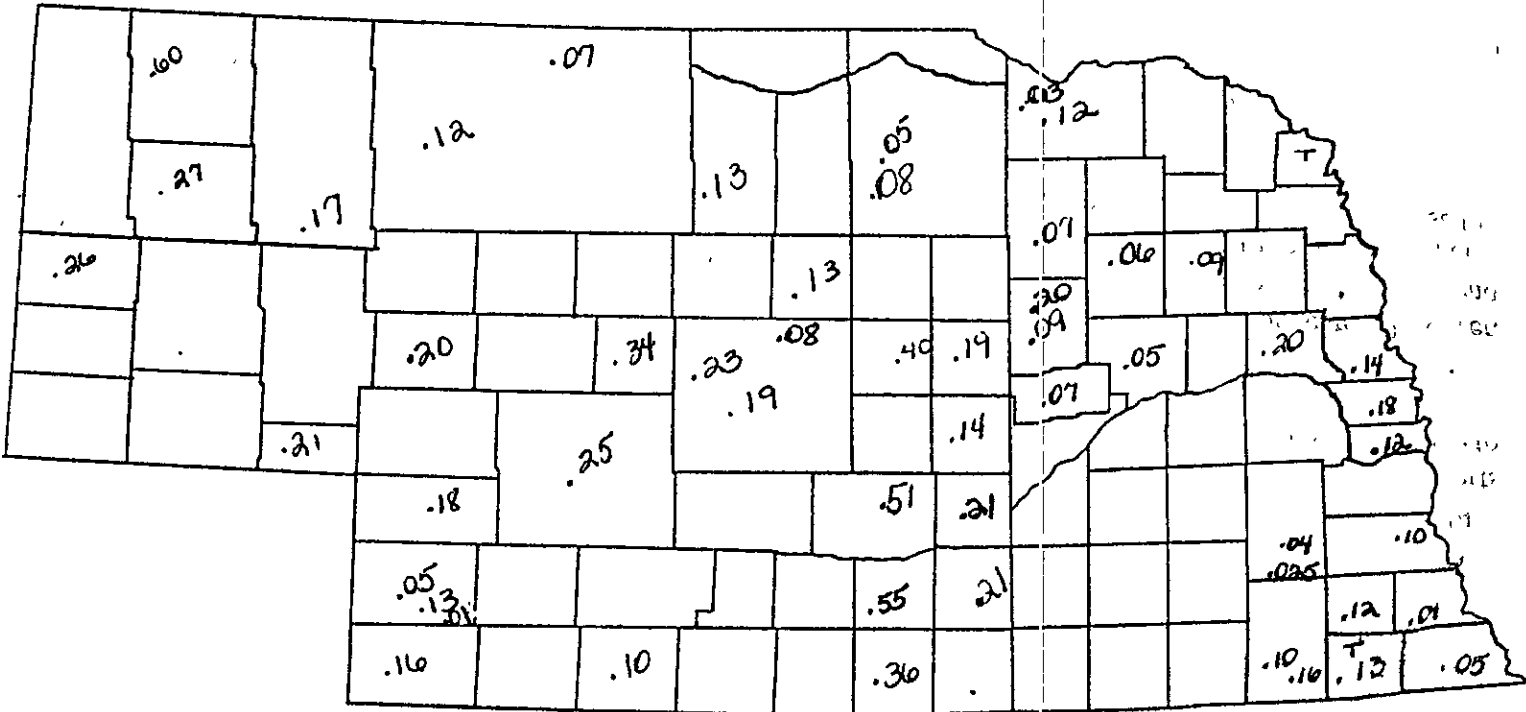
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2000



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR  
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2000

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2000						
Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total
		Max	Min			Inches
NW	Chadron	39	7	26	---	.60
	Scottsbluff	48	14	28	+2	.26
	Sidney	50	10	25	---	---
NC	Valentine	40	0	22	0	.12
NE	Norfolk	41	2	21	-1	.09
	Sioux City	32	-4	19	-3	T
CEN	Grand Island	46	6	15	-2	.21
	Ord	45	3	21	---	.40
EC	Lincoln	41	3	21	-1	.04
	Omaha	44	4	21	-1	.18
SW	Imperial	54	12	25	---	.05
	North Platte	42	0	20	-3	.25